



## **The Medical-Legal Implications of the COVID-19 Pandemic and the Autopsy and Histopathological Findings of SARS-CoV-2 Infection**

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### **Message from the Guest Editors**

Dear Colleagues,

In this Special Issue, we want to analyze medical–legal issues and autopsy findings related to the COVID-19 pandemic. SARS-CoV-2 infection has had and is still having serious repercussions in the area of Forensic Medicine. The overload of hospitals and the fear of infection are causing management of non-COVID-19 patients to be difficult and diagnostic–therapeutic delay for other pathologies (oncological, cardiovascular, etc.). Therefore, we want to discuss all the possible medical–legal themes and enquiries related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

From an autopsy point of view, COVID-19 represented a new pathology and, especially during the early stages of the pandemic, its pathophysiology was not well understood. In this Special Issue, we want to discuss and analyze the macroscopic, histological, immunohistochemical and ultrastructural findings of SARS-CoV-2 infection, through original articles, case series, reviews of the literature and relevant case reports.

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